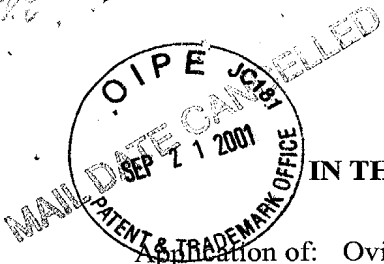


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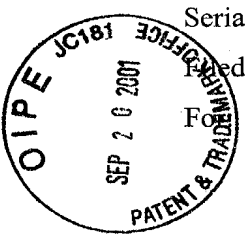
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application dated June 20, 2001, be extended for a period of one month(s) from August 20, 2001 up to and including September 20, 2001.

The fee (small entity) for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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